



CITY OF TAUNTON
PARKING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 26, 2022
2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman James Dorsey, Jr.
Lewis Pacheco, Commissioner
Manuel Spencer, Commissioner
Chief Edward J. Walsh

Rebecca McGovern, Parking Enforcement Officer
Taylor Torres, OECD
Randy Collins, BETA Engineering Corp.

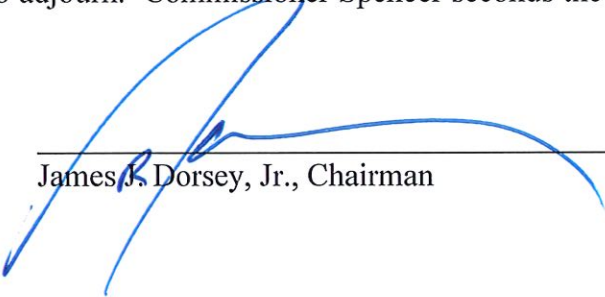
Chairman Dorsey calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Spencer makes a motion to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Pacheco seconds the motion.

Electric Car Charging Stations – Mr. Taylor Torres from OECD passes out cost estimates and gives a brief synopsis. Mr. Taylor explains that the OECD office will cover the construction costs. The Commission will be responsible for all other costs. The Weir Street parking lot estimate comes in just under \$12,000.00. The Pleasant Street lot will cost approximately \$15,000.00, Whittenton about \$65,000.00. Mr. Torres went on to explain that the DPU has no regulation on charges for public entitles, just private entities. Commissioner Pacheco asks if these will be Level 2 charges? Yes. Commissioner Spencer asks if there will be 3 charging stations total? Yes. Mr. Torres explains that it will be one charging station with two charging heads. Commissioner Spencer asks if there are any plans to put a charging station in the garage? Commissioner Pacheco explains that the electrical panel in the garage cannot handle a charging station. Chairman Dorsey asks the life span of the stations? 25 years. Chairman Dorsey inquires as to whether or not there is enough funding in the budget for these charging stations and the costs associated with them. Chief Walsh states that the budget hearings have not been scheduled yet, but we are also in the process of updating the kiosks and meter upgrades. Chief Walsh further states that it is his recommendation that the matter be referred to the CFO and the Budget Director for a financial analysis to see if the project is feasible. Commissioner Spencer seconds this motion. Motion passes. Mr. Taylor states that he can put an information packet together for them, if they desire. Yes, please.

Galligan's Court – Encroachments and Parking Lot Design. City Solicitor Matt Costa indicates that on first thought, a license agreement with each property owner was an option. The Council has the authority to amend the layout; we could do a new plan, have Council approve it. Randy Collins from BETA goes over the new plan. Chief Walsh asks about discontinuing Howard Street. Attorney Costa replies, no just where the encroachments are. Chief Walsh further explains that it could be discontinued completely because it only goes to a parking lot. Attorney Costa replies that this is an option too, but we may need to do an Order of Taking just to clean up the titles. Chairman Dorsey asks about the dumpsters. Mr. Collins replies that there are two separate areas designated for dumpsters or we can eliminate a parking spot or 2 and have them all together. Chairman Dorsey replies that logically, they should all be in the same spot. Mr. Collins says that we should probably wait to put the project out to bid until the Law Department determines the ownership and/or Orders of Taking. Attorney Costa states that it is the goal to discontinue the streets and make it an entire municipal parking lot and identify the areas that the City does not want to take. If it is discontinued, we may only need an Order of Taking.


Job Posting – There were 9 applications to the Parking Enforcement Maintenance Job Posting. Captain McCarthy will be handling the interviews which should be completed shortly. Parking Enforcement Officer Rebecca McGovern gives a brief update on the kiosks and the machines which need service. Westcor has been notified but to date, we are still waiting for service. Chief Walsh adds that we will be updating the equipment this fiscal year.

Commissioner Pacheco makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spencer seconds the motion. Meeting adjourns at 2:56 p.m.



James J. Dorsey, Jr., Chairman

Lewis Pacheco Commissioner



Manuel Spencer, Commissioner



Edward J. Walsh, Chief of Police